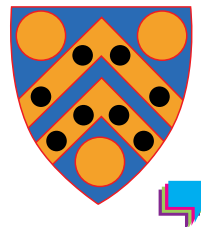


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Victoria Carpets takeover warning

JOBS could be at risk at Kidderminster firm Victoria Carpets if the business is broken up as part of a takeover bid, its managing director has warned.

The company's management has been coming under pressure from shareholders who want to see a bigger return for their investment.

A consortium of shareholders is leading a potential takeover, which is headed by former chairman Alexander Anton - who is a member of the firm's founding family.

The firm employs around 700 people.

But the company's board issued a statement to shareholders recommending they vote against any proposed takeover plans.

Mr Anton and fellow director Geoff Wilding resigned from the board earlier this year in a row over incentives.

A general meeting will be held on October 3 in Birmingham for Mr Anton and Mr Wilding to seek re-election to the board.

Victoria's managing director Alan Bullock was ousted from the board alongside three other directors during the recent tense annual general meeting.

Mr Bullock, who remains an executive at the firm, said: "This dispute is putting people's jobs at risk."

Homes plan for reservoir

HOMES could be built on the site of a former reservoir in Kidderminster.

Fourteen detached houses would be constructed on the old Severn Trent reservoir in Sutton Park Road, which has been filled in and grassed over, if plans go ahead.

The structure of the reservoir, built in 1886, is still underneath the lawn and would need to be demolished.

The plans have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council by David Wilson Homes.

TAXPAYERS MUST WAIT FOR WASTE PLANT BILL

THE full cost to the taxpayer of a controversial waste incinerator planned near Kidderminster will be revealed in November, it has been announced.

Worcestershire's environment chief Anthony Blagg said plans for the EnviRecover plant at Hartlebury were being finalised ahead of work starting.

The project was given the go-ahead by Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles in July and bosses hope to start building by the end of the year.

Councillor Blagg was invited to speak at a public meeting at Hartlebury Village Hall on Monday, which was attended by 150 people.

Many people wanted to know the total cost of the scheme, originally estimated at £120million.

Concerned

Councillor Blagg said the full financial details of the contract were not yet known but a report was due before the county council's cabinet in November.

Steve Brown, of North Worcestershire Green Party said: "As a taxpayer in Worcestershire, I'm quite concerned about the impact of this incinerator and the cost that might fall on taxpayers."

Councillor Blagg said: "We are working on the contract and the financial details will be going before both (Worcestershire and Herefordshire) cabinets in November."

600 join gallery campaign

A PETITION to save Kidderminster Library's gallery has been signed by more than 600 people.

Members of the Friends of Kidderminster Library Gallery are trying to stop the arts and performance area in the library from being turned into office space. Worcestershire County Council which needs to save money, put the plan on hold in the face of protests and produced new options which it is seeking views on.

by Heather Large

People also wanted to know why the Hartlebury site had been chosen.

Councillor Blagg said officers had started with 100 potential sites before whittling them down to the Hartlebury site.

Residents have been up in arms about the scheme. One, Simon Jones, said: "Hartlebury feels cheated."

And Hartlebury Parish Councillor Louise Brookes said: "There are much cheaper ways of dealing with this waste."

The Mercia Waste Management plant will take up to 200,000 tons of waste from Worcestershire and Herefordshire each year.

This will be converted into up to enough electricity to supply about 20,000 homes.

The scheme prompted more than 1,100 letters of objection and a petition against the plant was signed by 2,300 people.

Campaign group Worcestershire Residents Against Incineration and Landfill (WAIL) is looking at launching a legal bid to prevent the incinerator from being built.

Tom is the poster boy of road safety



Councillor John Smith with Tom Roberts, seven, and the posters he designed which have been placed near school crossing patrol points where drivers have failed to stop for the wardens

THE artistic flair of a Worcestershire schoolboy is helping to keep county roads safer.

Tom Roberts aged seven, a pupil at Great Witley Primary School, Worcester, has designed a poster which will be placed near county schools to get an important safety message across to motorists.

The posters showing the four pole

positions as detailed in the Highway Code, have been put on display at hotspots throughout the county where drivers have failed to stop for crossing wardens.

Councillor John Smith, Worcestershire County Council cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "There are still irresponsible motorists out there who place lives in danger by

ignoring instructions of the school crossing patrols. With youngsters back at school we want to remind everyone of the simple message - Stop means Stop."

The posters, brilliantly designed by Tom, will be placed across Worcestershire to alert people.

"I'd like to say a really big thank-you to him for all his hard work."

NHS chiefs get appeal over town hospital

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Kidderminster Hospital have written to health chiefs pleading to keep the site open.

More than 12,000 people have signed a petition against the hospital being closed or downgraded.

It is facing an uncertain future because of a proposed shake-up of hospital services in Worcestershire.

The Kidderminster Hospital Alliance is calling for the hospital to be used more, not less.

The Alliance has now written to Penny Venables, chief executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, arguing that the petition represents a true cross section of the population of Wyre Forest.

It says: "The message that has come across strong and clear is indeed the need to maintain or even enhance the services at Kidderminster Hospital for the good of the whole county."

The Alliance asks for more information about the options for the future of hospital services and also asks health chiefs to consider whether more services, such as a wider range of surgery, could be offered at Kidderminster to help ease pressure elsewhere in the county.

Health chiefs say there is a growing gap between the demand for healthcare and funding. A £200m shortfall by 2014/15 is predicted.

Jobs joy at restaurant

A DERELICT pub in Kidderminster has reopened as a Chinese restaurant, creating more than 20 jobs.

China Lodge Restaurant, in Bewdley Road, has opened following a two-year renovation, which cost owners Tom and Wendy Lau more than £500,000.

The restaurant, which replaces the Prince Albert pub, was paid for following the couple's sale of the China Diner in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, a restaurant they ran for seven years.

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36 jobs are created as store doubles in size

THE Marks & Spencer store in Kidderminster has almost doubled in size following an eight-month long refurbishment which has created 36 new jobs.

The new-look shop on the Weavers Wharf development in the town centre was opened by sales assistant Anne Davies.

Now spread across two floors, the store has a larger 98-seat cafe, a new bakery and, for the first time, home accessories.

The store has taken on 36 staff, taking the number of people employed there to 134.

The shop stayed open throughout the work.

Manager Adam Jones said: "I would like to thank customers for sticking with us through the eight months development."

Bouquet

"I hope we now have a store they, as well as us, can be very proud of."

The ribbon to the new store was cut by Mrs Davies last week, champagne was served to the first customers and a bouquet of flowers given to the first shopper through the door.

The ceremony followed the opening of the store's larger coffee shop three weeks ago.

Following the refurbishment, bosses have decided to open the store an hour earlier, Monday to Friday.

The store will now be open from 8am.

Dedicated couple win football honour



Bill Preece, Ted Grizzell, of the Worcestershire FA, and Judy Preece

A COUPLE from Worcestershire have been honoured for their work with grassroots football.

Bill and Judy Preece were named Volunteers of the Year in the recent FA Community Awards.

They have worked with the Areley Kings Football Club since it was set up in 1974.

Judy is assistant treasurer and runs the club's hospitality, while Bill has been chairman for 22 years.

They put in long hours with tasks ranging from overseeing the 12 youth and three adult teams, to ground maintenance.

Ted Grizzell, Worcestershire FA football development officer, presented the awards.

He said Areley Kings FC was held in high regard by the Worcestershire association for its work with grassroots football, and this was due to the work of the club's volunteers.

Bill and Judy were highly-regarded members of the local football community, he added.

Bill said he was very proud of the club and all it stood for, and that it had a great future to look forward to.

Group is to star at art event

LOCAL vocal group Nos Novem are to perform as part of the Bewdley Art and Craft weekend held on Saturday and Sunday.

The concert, at St Anne's Church at 7.30 on Saturday, will reflect colour in music of all styles.

The group is led by Alastair Elliott who is also the musical director of Bewdley Choral Society and Stourport Choral and Operatic Society.

Tickets are £7.50. St Anne's Church will be the main exhibition area for the art and craft weekend, where people can view and buy work by local artists and craftspeople.

There will be a craft market at The Guildhall, and at Bewdley Baptist Church there will again be lots of craft to view and purchase, and hands-on activities.

At Open Studio, 7 Dog Lane, people can visit the garden, and see pottery and art work. There is also an exhibition about the Arley ferry.

For more information contact Ann on 01299 404226, or email lyman-hughes34@aol.com

Family advice

EXPECTANT parents can get free advice at an event at Kidderminster Library on September 18 from 6.30pm from Worcestershire County Council's Family Information Service.

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Share of £70,000 grants up for grabs

VOLUNTARY and community groups in Worcestershire can apply for a share of £70,000 in grants.

The grants are available to help organisations celebrate diversity through raising knowledge and understanding, and encouraging interaction among different cultures, backgrounds and social needs in their areas.

The maximum an organisation can apply for is £1,000 and the deadline for applications is 4pm on October 5.

Previous recipients of the Voluntary and Community Sector grants include an organisation which held an open day to celebrate the diversity of deafness and the history and culture of deaf people. Another worked with drama students to encourage better understanding of traveller communities.

Post applications by recorded delivery to Suzy James, VCS Unit, Adult & Community Services, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP.

Greener energy

SOLAR energy specialist EcoSolar puts renewable energy in the spotlight with its Making Sense of Green Energy event on October 19 at Worcester's Guildhall starting at 11am.

Standard of care at town hospital praised by patient

Engine is steaming into action for railway

THE Severn Valley Railway has a new addition to its fleet.

Former Southern Railway Battle of Britain Class engine No. 34053 Sir Keith Park, has joined the line's working fleet.

The 1947-built express passenger engine worked the heavy continental boat trains between London and the south coast ports, and other fast expresses.

Its role in the British Railways fleet came to an end in 1965 when BR replaced its steam locomotives with diesel and electric types. But instead of being scrapped, Sir Keith Park luckily stayed intact at a scrap yard in South Wales and was rescued in 1984.

But in 1999 when it was bought by its present owners, the steam enthusiast group Southern Locomotives, it had been so heavily stripped of parts, it was dubbed "Project Impossible".



The Sir Keith Park which has joined the Severn Valley Railway, at the Oldbury Viaduct

Spurred on by the challenge, Southern Locomotives resolved to honour the memory of Sir Keith Park.

the RAF commander whose tactics won the 1940 Battle of Britain, by restoring the engine. And steam enthusiasts will see Sir Keith Park at the SVR's big autumn Steam Gala on September 21-23st. It will be joined by two other

former Southern Railway locomotives never before seen on the Bridgnorth-Kidderminster line.

SVR General Manager Nick Ralls said: "Sir Keith Park is something of a gold nugget for us."

STAFF at Worcestershire Royal Hospital have come in for praise from Kidderminster patient, 71-year-old John Morgan.

Mr Morgan, who has suffered with a blood disease for 13 years, phoned the hospital last month when he started feeling shaky and unwell. He was admitted on August 13 after blood tests revealed complete kidney failure.

He was treated in the new acute medical unit, opened to improve the flow of patients from A&E, and on Avon 1 ward.

He said: "I've been at the hospital for three weeks, and everything I've seen is excellent."

"The food's been very good - a roast dinner with pork and gravy on Sunday, with a wonderful pudding. It's a shame I can't eat as much as usual."

Positive

"The staff are very good and the cleanliness is second to none - which is really important on a ward like this because a lot of people are seriously ill."

"Of course, I'd much rather be at home than in hospital, and I'm not saying I haven't experienced any problems at all. But the ward sisters comes to talk to me every day, so if there is anything wrong I know I can speak to her."

"I couldn't ask for more. I used to run my own business, and I was a perfection-



Impressed - John Morgan

ist when it came to work. I can see the staff here feel the same about their jobs as I did."

"The NHS gets a bad press sometimes, but my experience has been positive. The staff here work non-stop and the care they give is spot-on."

Ward sister Ruth Warren said: "We have a philosophy on this ward that our patients are treated as an extension of our family."

"It's a difficult time for patients and their loved ones, and it's important for us to be open and available."

"Most importantly, you need to speak in a language they understand so they are aware of what is happening."

New HQ for firm in Black Country

STATIONARY firm Helix has moved its HQ in the Black Country after battling back from administration.

The 125-year-old firm, well known in classrooms across the country for its mathematics set, has a new base at the Pensnett Estate, in Dudley.

Around £320,000 has been spent refurbishing the premises at the industrial estate, off Dudley Road, near Kingswinford.

Helix left its Engine Lane plant, in Lye, near Stourbridge, after French stationery giant Maped completed the buyout of the firm earlier this year.

Twenty-nine staff will be at the site in the design, research and development, and administration departments, alongside a distribution centre.

The firm entered administration in January. General manager Mike Pell said retaining a base in the Black Country had been crucial for the future of the business.

Support offered

THE Black Country Fibromyalgia support group's next meeting is on September 20 at the Nine Locks Community Centre, Hill Street, Brierley Hill, 11am-1.30. People with the disorder, meaning chronic pain, can get advice and fellowship. Call 08448 872382.

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Chance to shine for wannabee pop stars

YOUNG wannabee pop stars can put their talents to the test and try to become Worcestershire's Pop Icon 2012.

The county council wants vocalists or vocalist groups in the Wyre Forest area, aged 12 to 18, to sign up for auditions that will take place in October.

A spokesman said: "Regardless of how long you have been singing, come along to one of the audition dates to gain an honest and professional opinion."

"Friends and family are welcome for support, and encouragement will be given from staff in order for you to perform at your best."

Advice

Auditions will take place in front of judges and those who get through will be whisked off to a boot camp where they will be put through their paces by a group of industry experts.

Practical advice and support will be available along the way and those who are successful will take part in the grand final on November 2 at the Artrix in Bromsgrove.

Steve Wilson, county arts officer said: "Practise, perform and have fun."

by Tim Spiers

"If you fancy being crowned the best singer in the county and you are confident and ready for some tough competition, then we'd love to hear from you. Just give us a call or apply online. Our friendly judges will give you an honest and professional opinion in a fun environment."

The auditions are on at Artrix, Bromsgrove, on October 6; The Hive, Worcester, October 7; The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster, October 13, and Malvern Theatres, Malvern, October 14.

They are also on at Number 8 Community Theatre, Pershore, on October 20.

To find out more, or to book your audition place, visit www.popicons.org or call or text 07583 202 203.

Walk raises £12,795



Celebrating are Annette Downing, Debbie Barnett, Sandra Porter and Julie Bate with Martyn Richardson, Denise Hudso and Chris Barron at White House Cancer Support

FUNDRAISERS are celebrating after raising more than £12,000 in an annual walk to help cancer patients.

Sponsorship money has been handed in to the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group, which organised the event at Bodham Arboretum near Kidderminster.

More than 200 walkers strode out to help swell the coffers and a total of £12,795 was generated. The money will be shared between White House Cancer Support in Dudley and the breast cancer unit at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley. The group was formed by Denise Hudson and Debbie Barnett and has raised more than £70,000.

Mrs Hudson said she was grateful to everyone who had taken part.

The Richardson Brothers' Foundation donated £500. Walkers were sent on their way by the Quarry Bank-based Fizzog Theatre Company.

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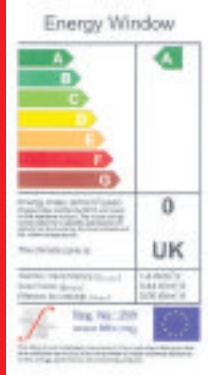
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NEWS

Civic Society's glimpse in new-look building

MEMBERS of Kidderminster Civic Society had a preview of work being carried out at The Piano Building, a distinctive Victorian carpet warehouse in the centre of town.

Thomas Vale Construction is carrying out a £3.5 million refurbishment of the historic building on behalf of its new occupants, Birmingham Metropolitan College.

All the beams in the building have been treated for woodworm with some requiring additional support.

Richard Green, divisional director of Stourport-based Thomas Vale, said: "When Thomas Vale was awarded this project, it was clear to us that many of the building's original features were visible."

"The design and delivery teams have tried to ensure these historic elements have been maintained."

The civic society members were particularly interested in the cast iron support columns which run vertically throughout the building, and which still have the name F.Bradley, Kidderminster, embossed on them.

Staircase

Bradley and Turton was an iron foundry and hydraulic engineering company, on the corner of Park Lane and Stourport Road.

Founded in 1831, the foundry was renowned for the production of cast iron water wheels, drain covers and more significantly the spiral staircase for the budding engineer Thomas Vale when he started his first project, to build the bridge over the River Severn in Stourport.

Other historical elements found were numbers on each of the beams. It is thought these were to mark the sep-



Chris Gettings, Thomas Vale site manager, with members of Kidderminster Civic Society at The Piano Building, a Victorian carpet works warehouse

arate bays when the building was a warehouse for Brinton Carpets.

Brintons built it for that purpose in 1867. It was constructed over a short arm of the canal, enabling narrow boats to enter and to be unloaded by hoists to all levels through hatches in the timber floors.

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the roof shape which, when seen from adjacent mills, chimneys or from above, resembles a grand piano.

The building has stood dormant since 2001.

Birmingham Metropolitan College has joined forces with Kidderminster College to open a new academy in Kidderminster.

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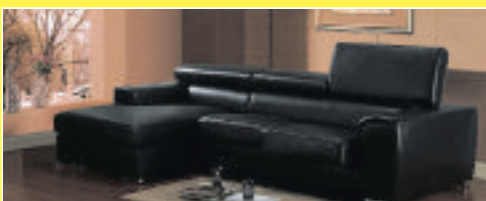
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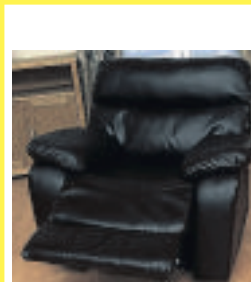
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Young woman victim of sex attack in busy street

Cars to star in TV show



Jules Hudson with Mike Cockayne and his Austin Healey 3000

CAMERAS were rolling at the Shelsley Walsh hill climb in Stourport for an episode of BBC programme *Escape to the Country*.

Presenter Jules Hudson and his crew visited the site for the show's next series.

It features Mr Hudson showing couples looking to move house, around a number of properties and showing them the attractions of the area they wish to move to.

While at Shelsley Walsh last week, he met members of the Midland Automobile Club who brought along

competition cars to show them off for the cameras.

They ranged from the latest single-seat racing car to a classic British sports car.

Providing one of the cars was regular competitor Mike Cockayne, of Bromyard.

He brought along his Austin Healey 3000 and took Mr Hudson for several spirited drives up the hill, so that the cameramen could get their shots.

The programme will be aired in the new year.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses and information after a woman was sexually assaulted by a youth alongside a busy road in Kidderminster.

It happened at about 3.30pm on Wednesday, August 29, in Birmingham Road near St George's Church.

The woman, who is in her 20s, was walking away from town in front of a group of four males when one of them ran up to her and sexually assaulted her.

Words were exchanged before the youth returned to the others and they went off towards Leswell Street.

The youth was white, between 14 and 16, just over 5ft, skinny, with short fair or blond hair which was gelled and swept back off his face.

He is thought to have a gap in his front teeth and had a fair complexion with freckles around his nose and under his eyes.

Remember

He was wearing a navy blue hooded top, blue jeans and white trainers.

PC Mandy Baldwin said: "It all happened very fast and the woman was left shocked and upset."

"She doesn't remember anyone else walking nearby but the road is busy and someone driving past may have seen what happened or got a good look at the offender."

"If anyone witnessed it, recognises this youth from the description or thinks they know who was involved, I would urge them to get in touch with us."

Call PC Baldwin on 101, quoting incident reference 469-S-290812. Alternatively, people can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Invitation to dance

THE KIDDERMINSTER Solo Club's autumn dance is on September 22 at Kidderminster Harriers' Aggborough stadium from 8 to 11.30pm.

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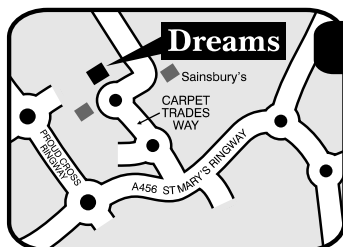
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Meeting offers tips on energy

WAYS of making listed buildings more energy efficient were being explored at a meeting tonight (Thursday).

Local environment protection group Transition Bewdley was hosting the meeting at Bewdley Baptist Church at 7.30pm to explore how people can get permission for insulation measures and solar panels for old buildings. Spokesman John Rhymer said energy saving measures could be difficult in a conservation area.

"We hope the meeting will help people save energy and do their bit for the environment."

County museum makes a plea for volunteers to help with activities

A MUSEUM in Worcestershire is appealing for volunteers to help with special events and school holiday activities.

The County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, four miles from Kidderminster, needs people who can give some time to help out.

Among other things, volunteers help to run competitions and raffles, meet and greet visitors, help in the shop, organise car parking, and lend a hand with the barbecue and refreshment stand.

Activities volunteers help children with

the wide range of art and craft activities the museum puts on during school holidays. Spokeswoman Rachel Robinson said: "Volunteering is a great way to keep active, meet new people, and have fun."

"Our volunteers get a sense of satisfaction knowing they have been able to make a visitor's day more enjoyable, or have helped a child to engage more with the past. And what a beautiful location to spend some time in."

Volunteers would ideally work one or two days a month. Event volunteers are needed for weekends and bank holidays, and activities volunteers are needed for mid-week

days during school holidays. Volunteers get travel expenses and discounts in the museum's shop and cafe.

Beth Broadway, 23, of Hartlebury, who has been volunteering as part of her MA course, said: "It has offered me a chance to gain experience and to feel I am making a difference in my community."

Diana Foster, 72, of Kidderminster, who has been a volunteer for 10 years, said: "I love the interaction with the children and the chance to help a museum that I care about to thrive."

For more information call Rachel on 01299 250416



Beth Broadway and Diana Foster, helping with dinosaur-themed craft activities

Rings are stolen in burglary

JEWELLERY including a wedding ring and an engagement ring were stolen from a home in Kidderminster.

The break-in happened on September 3, at a home off Chester Road South.

The thieves stole the rings, silver cutlery and gold, silver and costume jewellery.

Detective Constable Lloyd Davies said: "The owners are understandably upset particularly as much of the jewellery has sentimental value."

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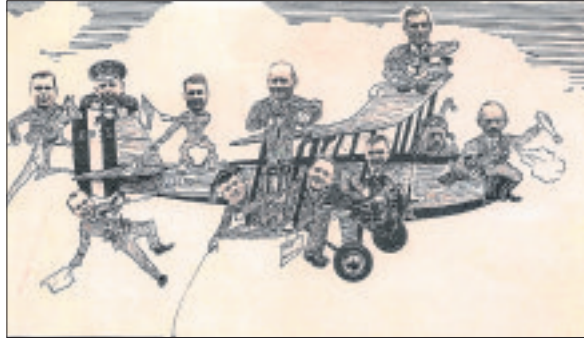
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The Boulton Paul Association's Overstrand replica which will be on show at the weekend at Halfpenny Green Airport

When aircraft advance technology was a zip

by Alec Brew

ON Sunday at the Autumn Wings and Wheels Fly-in at Halfpenny Green Airport, the Boulton Paul Association will exhibit a replica of the world's first aircraft gun turret in the nose of an Overstrand bomber.

Back in the early 1930s, as aircraft speeds increased, poor gunners in their open cockpits had great difficulty aiming their hand-held guns and changing magazines with frozen fingers.

Boulton Paul Aircraft, then in Norwich, came up with the world's first fully-enclosed power-operated gun turret, and redesigned their Sidestrand medium bomber, replacing the open gunner's position in the nose with the new turret.

The redesigned aircraft was called the Overstrand, the two names of small villages in Norfolk.

The circular turret was pneumatically powered, the single Lewis gun operating a plunger on each side of the vertical slot in which it lay, to turn

the turret. The slot was closed by another, piece of advanced technology, a zip. As the gun was raised or lowered it automatically opened and closed the zip, keeping the gunner draught-free inside.

When the turret was locked in position, the gunner could perform his other function of bomb-aimer, opening a small window, and swinging his bomb-sight into position.

Badge

The RAF's single Sidestrand squadron, No 101, was re-equipped with the new aircraft, and as the first squadron in the world with turret-armed bombers, to this day features a turret on its badge, though of the medieval castle variety.

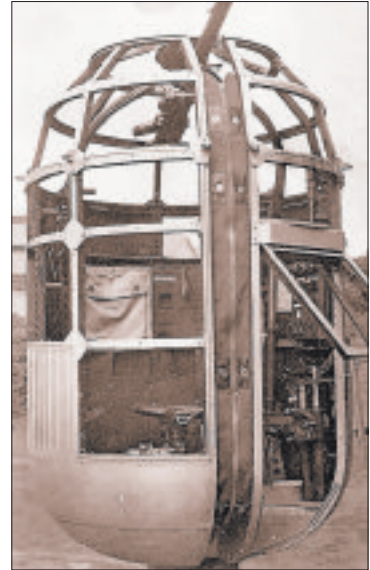
All the Overstrands were built in Norwich, but Boulton Paul did bring two of them to Wolverhampton when the company re-located, and used them for turret development work. It had purchased the rights to a

French electro-hydraulic power system for use in its subsequent turrets, like the Defiant and Roc fighters which were rolling down its production lines at the outbreak of war, and it was in the nose of an Overstrand that these turrets were first flown.

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Also on display will be one of Boulton Paul's Avro Lincoln tail turrets, which also equipped 101 Squadron, 10 years after their gunners first came in out of the cold.



The Overstrand's turret, showing the zip fastener enclosing the gun-slot

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Why Joyce's warm smile really is picture perfect

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A mysterious childhood accident, of which she has no recollection, left her with a "lopsided smile" and subsequent adult issues with her teeth added to the problem.

Not least was a memorable incident which resulted in one of her front teeth being broken in two.

The shorthand secretary/PA was persuaded by a work colleague to ask her dentist for denture. "What a mistake," she says. "I wish I had never had a denture because that's when my troubles began."

Joyce's dentist didn't offer another option – "but it was a long time ago," she recalls.

The natural ageing process was unkind to Joyce too. She was diagnosed with osteoporosis and it affected the bone density in her jaw and gradually her teeth became mobile.

"My teeth were loose, I had sores from my denture plate and my twisted smile made me feel uncomfortable and embarrassed.

"Over the years I have spent a fortune on dentures, but none of them helped me. There was no long-term solution.



Transformation

"I couldn't eat properly, food would get trapped under the lower denture all the time and I was afraid to cough and afraid to laugh in case the denture came out."

Joyce was resigned to "going through life without a normal smile."

She adds: "I was convinced I had a plate in my lower jaw and it was only recently when I had dental X-rays I knew I hadn't."

A feature in her local weekly newspaper highlighting the work of dentist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) proved a turning point.

Fortunate

Mr Burchell of the Denture Clinic, which is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton and in North Street, Dudley, said: "Although Joyce had lost her teeth, she was fortunate enough to

have enough bone density to sustain two lower jaw implants to secure an implant-retained denture. It was the best clinical route to be sure of dealing with her long-standing stabilisation issues."

She was referred to Parkdale implantologist and principal Jonathon Pugh, BDS MSc, who carried out the surgery. Joyce adds: "I never dreamed the process could cure my twisted smile – but it has.

"My smile is now totally normal and I can eat whatever I want.

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Her praise for Mr Pugh is unbridled: "He's king," she says, "and Steve . . . I cannot speak highly enough of what he's done for me. I've already got in mind to have implants for my upper denture."

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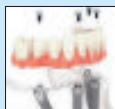
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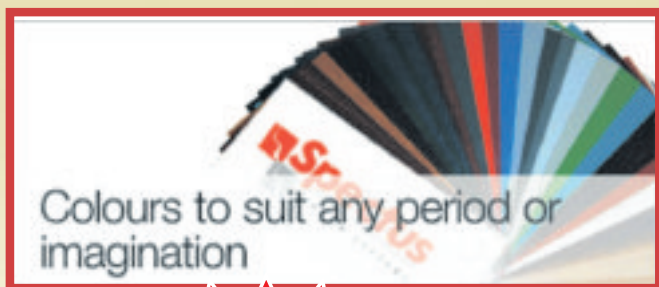
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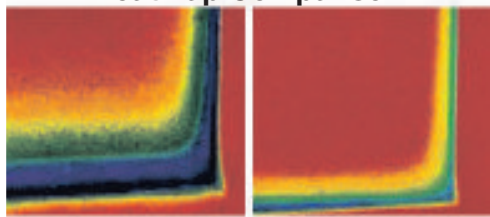
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CLUB NEWS

Members told about Troop Aid

Guests' address both uplifting and graphic

BLACKHEATH "M" TOWNSWOMEN

CHAIRMAN Doreen Armstrong welcomed members and the speaker, Mrs A Sutton.

Reports were given by treasurer, Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and press secretary Iris Harris.

It was announced that guild members would be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

The monthly raffle was held by Heather Greenland and three ladies received prizes of hand towels.

At the end of guild business, the chairman introduced the speaker, whose talk was entitled "Troop Aid". It was founded in 2006 by three ex-servicemen, one of whom was Mrs Sutton's husband.

The object is to supply basic essentials to military casualties returning from overseas after service. Grab bags containing things like toiletries, writing paper and envelopes, underwear and socks are sent to field hospitals abroad and at home including the Queen Elizabeth in Birmingham.

Ladies were very moved by the talk and were pleased to help by purchasing objects on sale. A vote of thanks was given by Iris Harris and a cheque was presented.

The next meeting is at 10.30am, September 26 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath.



Margaret and Eugene Schellenberg of the Ifakara Bakery were the guest speakers

ONE visitor was welcomed to the August meeting at Kingswinford Community Centre.

After the reading and signing of the minutes, Enid Fennell read the Federation report in full. The various groups reported on their doings. The luncheon club venues from September until January 2013 were distributed. The Christmas luncheon, by popular request will be at Hagley Golf and Country Club.

Josie Smith was thanked for her floral

Air Ambulance talk topic

THE chairman welcomed 24 members to the August meeting.

The reading and signing of the previous meeting was followed by the financial report. Mrs Raybould was present at the recent federation meeting and gave information about it. There was no correspondence.

The social secretary gave information about the visit

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to Highgrove, to include a two-hour guided tour with time to visit the restaurant and gift shop.

The Harvest Supper is to be held on October 10 at Wollaston Community Centre. The speaker for the evening was Mr Geoff Wood-

ford, his topic "The Midlands Air Ambulance".

This is the 21st year that the Air Ambulance has been operational and every time the helicopter takes to the air it costs £2,500 and that is funded completely by voluntary contributions.

The next guild meeting will be on September 18 with a talk about being a TV extra.

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Man hurls a chair at moving car

POLICE in Kidderminster are appealing for witnesses after a chair was thrown at a moving car.

A woman was driving along Comberton Hill on September 4 when someone in his 20s picked up a seat from outside Captain Cod's chip shop and threw it at her car, a Passat. The driver's window was smashed and the woman had minor facial injuries. The man ran off.

Anyone with information can call 0300 333 3000, quoting 149N 040912.

Family-owned jewellery business's £1m plan to expand store network

A FAMILY-OWNED jewellery firm has revealed a £1 million expansion plan to increase the number of its stores.

T H Baker, which was established in 1888, will open three new shops, adding to its growing network of jewellery outlets across the country.

The company has branches in Walsall, Halesowen, Kidderminster, the Merry Hill shopping centre and Stourbridge, and has

also been expanding its Pandora range, which has an outlet in Birmingham's Bullring.

T H Baker's latest store, in Stratford-upon-Avon, takes the firm's network of stores to 19, staffed by 230 employees.

The business was founded on October 6, 1888, by watchmaker and jeweller Thomas Henry Baker who opened the company's first store, in Brierley Hill, which is still going today.

Chief executive Andrew Higgs said every-

one was pleased to have secured the finance to enable the business to expand.

"We are very proud of our heritage and our success is testimony to the values set out by our great, great, grandfather when he first established the business which was around offering great service and value," he said.

"We have continued to evolve the business with the introduction of the Pandora concept stores and some of our online ventures such as the Jewel Hut."

Thomas Henry Baker's daughter Phillis and her husband, Frank Higgs, bought the business in 1915 - steering it through the financial difficulties of the First World War.

Two further branches were opened in Walsall and Wolverhampton between 1945 and 1952. Recent additions are Burton-on-Trent and Telford.

Alan Higgs, great grandson of Thomas Henry Baker, was appointed managing director in 1987.

Forgotten cooking sparks fire

A KITCHEN was damaged when food left on the cooker caught fire.

Fire and rescue crews from Wombourne and Kinver were called to the fire in Church View, Kinver, last week.

A neighbour was alerted by a smoke alarm and called the fire brigade. The occupants of the house were asleep.

Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus tackled the fire and ventilated the property.

Staff taking on climb challenge



Front, from left, Marie Robins, Pauline Bird, centre, Jade and Chelsea Goodliffe and top, from left, Amy Owen, Tracy Williams, Jodie Daniiliw, Sarah Guest

A GROUP of hotel and restaurant staff will be putting on their walking boots to scale Mount Snowdon for charity.

The team of 10 from the Kingswinford Premier Inn and Beefeater will be taking on the challenge on September 24.

They hope to raise £1,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital and are already halfway towards their target.

The group, which includes chefs, hotel breakfast staff and managers, has been busy training for their walk up the 3,560ft Welsh mountain. Restaurant manager Tracy Williams said: "None of us have climbed Snowdon before so it will be an experience."

The Whitbread Group, which owns Premier Inn and Beefeater brands, has chosen the hospital as its official charity. To sponsor the Kingswinford group, visit www.justgiving.com/Marie-Robins

Family fun as play trail is unveiled

KINVER Edge will be launching a new natural play trail on Saturday and celebrating with a day of free family fun, from 11am to 4pm.

The play trail was designed by children at Brindley Heath Junior School in Kinver and St Mary's Primary in Kingswinford. It was built by National Trust staff and volunteers, helped by local families.

Edwin Blunt, warden at Kinver Edge who led the building work says: "I have loved working on this project because it's something for families to enjoy. I can't wait to see them playing on it."

The play trail is made from trees from Kinver Edge, all of which were cut down because they were dying or dangerous. It has a storytelling area, with a large storytelling throne, an adventure play area, giant stepping stones, a snake maze weaving through the trees, a sensory play area and a den building area. The Saturday event will be the first time families can try the trail which is just under a mile long. Most of it can be accessed with a sturdy pushchair.

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What's On! Kidderminster

Theatre's seasonal line-up is 'best yet'

THE new season of professional touring companies at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre, looks like being the best yet, say organisers.

Spokeswoman Kerena Taylor said there were two tribute evenings in the line-up - Peter Gill and Andrew Mellor with the humour of Tom Lehrer and Bob Newhart, then the sensational Darksides with their spectacular show celebrating Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon album.

Musicians coming to The Rose include the 60s stars The Rockin Berries.

In an entirely different vein is Rumpus Theatre's drama The Ghost's Touch.

Also coming is a visit by magic circle magician Ian Keeble with sleight of hand and conjuring mixed with amazing mind-reading, and all performed with laughs galore.

Rounding off the pre-Christmas offerings is medium Patricia Redmond offering her remarkable evidence that "life is eternal".

Ms Taylor added: "We've another set of top-class attractions after Christmas too - including the return of Talon, the Eagles tribute band."

It's rock 'n' droll to a D as comedy duo continue quest

RIFFS and laughs will rock a sold out Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month when Hollywood movie star and comedy hero Jack Black is reunited with his comic buddy Kyle Gass for the return of their rock 'n' roll band Tenacious D.

The D are back on the road with the release of their first studio album in more than six years, Rize of the Fenix, after a storming performance at the Download Festival in June.

Killers gigs for the LG

LAS Vegas rock superstars The Killers have announced two gigs at Birmingham's LG Arena on October 31 and November 1.

Fronted by Brandon Flowers, the band are next week releasing their fourth studio album, Battle Born, and have just released a new single, Runaways.

The Killers have sold more than five million copies in the UK of their albums Hot Fuss, Sam's Town and Day & Age. The latter provided the band with their biggest hit single, Human, in 2008.

Tickets for the gigs range from £32.50 to £42.50 plus fees.

Combining musicianship with a sharp eye for lampooning the excesses of the metal scene, the duo brought their band to the screen in the movie Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny. It was no box office hit but has picked up a cult following on DVD.

Asked what they've been up to, Jack Black said: "Well, we've been working on our meditation, a lot of meditation. There's been a lot of time spent in the Himalayas. There's been a lot of nose to the grindstone. That's right, I've been nose to the ground stoned!"

And what did he like best about being in the UK. "To go out for a curry... read some Sherlock Holmes... tandem biking through parks."

The band, named after an aggressive basketball move, will be in concert at the Civic on Sunday, October 21.



Tenacious D describe their album as "Journey similar to that of Gandalf in The Lord of the Rings". Kyle Gass and Jack Black (above) continue their quest on tour

Autumn leaves region laughing at comic talent

IT'S going to be a funny autumn with top comedians at local venues. The latest big name is American star Chris Tucker, at Birmingham Symphony Hall (November 26). Michael McIntyre hops around the NIA tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and then next week too.

Sandi Toksvig brings wit to Birmingham Town Hall on October 2. The same venue hosts Mark Watson (Oct 3) and Danny Bhoy (Oct 4). America's queen of mean Joan Rivers is at the Symphony Hall (Oct 16).

The New Alexandra Theatre hosts Jason Byrne on Saturday and coming up is Alan Davies, Roy Chubby Brown, Al Murray, Charlie Murphy, Ross Noble, Julian Clary, Paul Chowdhry, Lee Nelson, and Jethro.

At Wolverhampton venues the line-up includes Cannon and Ball, Sarah Millican, Freddie Starr, Al Murray, Danny Bhoy, Andi Osho, The Boy With Tape On His Face, Lee Hurst, Paul Chowdhry, and Alexei Sayle.

Dara O'Brian deals craic at the Civic Hall (Oct 31).

Baebes show at town's festival

THE Mediaeval Baebes create their ethereal music at Bewdley Festival at 8.30pm on October 11 at the Mercure Hotel. Festival organisers say they are delighted to offer this "unique musical experience" in the festival's silver jubilee year.

The Baebes, an ensemble founded in the 1990s, have released highly successful albums which feature traditional medieval songs and poetry set to music, mostly arranged for them.

Tickets are available by calling the box office on 01905 611427, or in person from Bewdley Tourist Information Centre, Load Street, Bewdley.

Tribute bands to rock the town

AN Iron Maiden tribute band will among the performers at Kidderminster Rocks tomorrow (Friday).

Hi-on Maiden will take to the stage at Kidderminster Town Hall in Vicar Street, alongside The Dale Von Minaker Band and Gypsy Pistoleros.

It starts at 7.30pm, tickets are £10 or £12 on the door. Another event is on December 14 with Fred Zeppelin headlining.

A night of Cash

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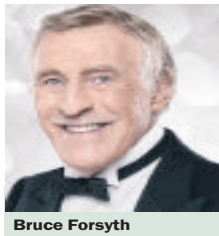
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Strictly Come Dancing – The 2012 Premiere

BBC1, 6.30pm
Maybe it's because wearing sparkly outfits and learning to fox-trot sounds a bit more appealing than eating bugs in the Australian jungle or spending two weeks cooped up in a house with cameras watching you 24 hours a day, but Strictly Come Dancing usually manages to attract a better class of celebrity than most reality shows. So, you should recognise at least half of the famous faces being introduced by Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly at this red-carpet event to launch the new series. We will finally find out who's taking part tonight!

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Athletics. **2.30** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout. Twenty memorable contestants face the course again.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – The 2012 Premiere. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host a red-carpet event following this year's celebrities as they meet their professional partners, and introducing new judge Darcey Bussell.

7.35 Doctor Who. The Time Lord and the Ponds arrive in a Wild West town being terrorised by a cyborg gunslinger which has an alien doctor on its hit list.

8.20 The National Lottery Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Best friends Kay and Karen attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.

9.10 Casualty. Dylan and Tess treat an agitated pregnant woman, while Fletch tries to unravel the relationship between a teenage girl and her swimming coach.

10.00 BBC News. Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Stoke City v Manchester City at the Britannia Stadium and Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea at Loftus Road. National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. **1.05** Weather. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa. (1955) **1.30** Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. (1949) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **5.00** One Man and His Dog – LIVE! **6.15** Coast. (R) **6.35** Wartime Farm. Ruth Goodman, Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn experience conditions faced by British farmers in 1940, as rationing took hold and Nazi bombing raids intensified. (R)

7.35 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the squad stumble across the crew of a downed German aircraft. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.10 Vikings. Neil Oliver explores the history of the Norse warriors, beginning by examining their ancient ancestry and charting Scandinavia's prehistoric landscape. (R)

9.10 QI XL. An extended edition of the quiz, as Stephen Fry asks Victoria Coren, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies questions about words beginning with J.

9.55 The Thick of It. Former Cabinet minister Nicola Murray finds herself facing a new set of pressures in opposition, and begins to worry about whether she can rely on her party colleagues.

10.25 Clinton. New series. The story of the former American president.

11.25 Film: The Special Relationship. (2010) Fact-based political drama starring Michael Sheen.

12.50 Film: A Study in Terror. Thriller, with John Neville. (1965).

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.20** The X Factor. (R) **1.25** ITV News. Weather. **1.40** Film: Nim's Island. (2008) **3.25** Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) **5.55** Regional Programme: Weather.

6.10 ITV News. Weather. **6.25** New You've Been Framed! **6.55** Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.25 Red or Black? Eight more contestants compete to win a huge cash prize by guessing the outcome of stunts and challenges, including a darting duel between Phil Taylor and Adrian Lewis. Continues after The X Factor.

8.10 The X Factor. Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh continue their search for the next big thing in music. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.10 Red or Black? Canadian singer Nelly Furtado performs as the four remaining contestants face further challenges – but only one will be given a chance to take home the huge cash prize.

9.55 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host chats to Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber, TV sport presenter Clare Balding and film star Liam Neeson, and the Killers perform their new single.

10.55 ITV News. Weather. **11.10** Film: Disclosure. (1994) Thriller, starring Michael Douglas and Demi Moore.

1.30 The Store. ITV News. Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British F3 International Series. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** Freeports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **9.00** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: 14 Highlights. **9.30** T4: New Girl. **10.00** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **10.10** T4: New Girl. **10.40** T4: Revenge. **11.40** T4: Bourjois Boutique. **11.45** T4: Suburgatory. **12.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. **4.30** The Simpsons. (R) **5.05** Channel 4 News. **5.35** 4thought.tv. **5.40** Film: Transformers. (2007) Sci-fi action adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf.

8.20 Comedy World Cup. New series. David Tennant asks the questions as two teams of comedians from across the generations compete to showcase their knowledge of comedy.

9.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1 million. They are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over tradpools and face a series of questions. The wrong answers to which will lose them money every time they slip up.

10.55 Film: Hostage. (2005) A former hostage negotiator draws on his old skills to save children held captive in their own home by a gang of crazed delinquents. Thriller, with Bruce Willis and Kevin Pollak.

1.10 Film: The Clay Bird. (2002) Drama, starring Nurul Islam Babu. **2.55** The Byrds. (R) **3.10** Holyoaks. (R) **5.15** Brain Damage. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.10** Film: Mystery Woman. (2003) Whodunit, starring Kellie Martin. **2.50** David Copperfield. (R)

6.20 5 News Weekend. **6.25** Film: Wyatt Earp. (1994) The life of the legendary lawman, from his early youth to his days as the feared and respected town marshal who engineered the gunfight at the OK Corral, a tragic confrontation with a notorious outlaw gang. Western, starring Kevin Costner.

10.00 CSI: Miami. Three men are released from prison after being cleared of a 1992 murder – but one of them is found dead shortly afterwards, and the clues suggest a link to the original crime.

10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The discovery of a body in a chimney leads Catherine and Warrick to reopen inquiries into the disappearance of a teenage girl. (R)

11.55 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show, with location reports, news and views from behind the scenes. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** HouseBusters: Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. Churches designed by Christopher Wren. Last in the series. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake Show. Shake makes lunch for everyone. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris appears on TV. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Greg Davies: Fringe! **11.00** Cheeseballs at a Doo **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four**
7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Mission to Mars: A Horizon Special **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** The InterCity 125: The Age of the Train **11.40** The Three Rocketeers **ITV2**
3.05 The X Factor **4.05** The Xtra Factor **5.10** Film: Cool Runnings (1993) **7.05** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **9.10** The X Factor **10.10** Celebrity Juice **10.55** Film: Happy Gilmore (1996) **ITV3**
2.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** Downton Abbey **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Crime Connections **ITV4**
3.15 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.15** Film: Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971) **6.15** The World's Wildest Police Videos **7.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: The Game (1997) **11.35** Film: The Exorcist (1973) **E4**
3.50 Film: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **6.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.10** How I Met Your Mother **8.10** Rules of Engagement **9.10** Film: Wedding Crashers (2005) **11.30** The Inbetweeners **Film4**
2.50 Coroline (2009) **4.55** Roman Holiday (1953) **7.15** Laws of Attraction (2004) Romantic comedy, with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore. **9.00** Patriot Games (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **11.15** Scary Movie (2000)

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Auction Guide Price
£120,000-£140,000

Stourport Road Bewdley DY12 1BH

A traditional three bedroomed semi detached house requiring repair and refurbishment. The property is well complemented by good sized level gardens and enjoys a very convenient position being within half a mile of Bewdley's vibrant town centre, porch reception hall, ground floor bathroom, bay fronted living room, dining room, kitchen, verandah, to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a shower room, gas central heating served via Combination boiler where specified, off road parking, freehold.



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Mitton Gardens Stourport DY13 9AB

A three storey Victorian end terraced house requiring refurbishment and repair. The property enjoys an ultra convenient location in the centre of Stourport with a nice and private 'tucked away' position being approached by a footpath. There are also good sized gardens to both the front and rear which add much further appeal. Living room, dining kitchen, cellar, first floor bathroom, 2 bedrooms plus attic room (this room has a side window and is believed to have been an original feature of the property). Gas central heating. Vacant possession upon completion. Immense future potential.



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Martley Road Stourport DY13 0NH

A two bedroomed semi detached house enjoying a non-estate cul-de-sac position central to the sought after village of Areley Kings and having ideal scope for extension (subject to planning permission) plus great level gardens being some 120 feet in depth, reception hall, living room, dining kitchen with built in pantry, two bedrooms, first floor bathroom, off road parking, gas central heating (not tested). Vacant possession upon completion.



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Auction Guide Price
£60,000-£80,000

Severn Road Stourport DY13 9HB

Ideal as either a first purchase or buy to let investment, a second floor double glazed apartment in this block of six with ample communal forecourt parking and a town centre location, hall, bathroom, fitted kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, shared communal garden/washing hanging area. Photo shows general aspect.



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Auction Guide Price
£35,000-£50,000

Cathcart Rd Stourbridge DY8 3UZ

Excellent investment opportunity, charming double glazed two storey Edwardian Semi-detached in prime location. Converted into two apartments (both let) - ground floor. Moored porch, living room, bedroom, kitchen, shower room, central heating. First floor - living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, mains services connected. Fore and rear gardens. Producing rental income of £8,500 PA.



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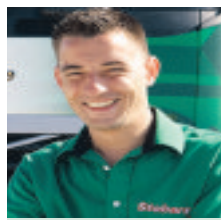
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SUNDAY'S TV 16.09.12

CHOICE



Mark Dixon

Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers
Channel 5, 11.25am
 Channel 5 loves a good trucking programme – a quick glance through the schedules will show you that. The adventures of a bunch of highly paid, death-defying Canadians and Americans driving their cargo to and from some of the most inhospitable places on Earth in Ice Road Trucks has been little short of jaw-dropping. This home-grown offering is a lot less do-or-die, but it still makes for good viewing. In this episode, a trucking convoy journeys through the Alps on a 1200-mile trip to deliver tyres to a Formula One test race in Italy.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** The Andrew Marr Show. **9.30** Live Athletics. **1.30** BBC News: Weather. **1.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Cash in the Attic. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Lifestyle. **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Planet Earth Live: A Lion's Tale.
6.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
6.30 Fake or Fortune? New series. Fiona Bruce and expert Philip Mould investigate art with mysterious origins, beginning by helping a man who believes he owns a painting by French artist Edgar Degas.
7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores the beauty of the Nottinghamshire countryside, as captured through the writing of DH Lawrence, and Adam Henson goes shepherding in the Swiss Alps. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.30 Inspector George Gently. The detective is accused of fabricating evidence against an old adversary and a former colleague from London arrives to offer his support. With Kevin Whately. Last in the series.
10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2.
11.15 In with the Flynns. Liam goes snooping round a neighbour's home. (R)
11.45 Film: Two for the Money. (2005) Gambling drama, with Al Pacino.
1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Snowdonia – A Year in the Wild. (R) **2.45** Hot City. (R) **3.45** Good Cop. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **5.00** One Man and His Dog – LIVE!
6.15 Rugby League.
7.15 Richard Hammond's Crash Course. The host visits Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in Texas for an encounter with the Striker – the world's most powerful fire engine – and experiences the training its crew must undergo.
8.00 China on Four Wheels. Anita Rani and Justin Rowlett explore the contrasting faces of modern China on the concluding leg of their journey to Shanghai, including potholed roads and a wine chateau.
9.00 Dragons' Den. A Welsh grandmother charms the Dragons as she tries to secure investment for her food website, while the usual rules of the Den are disregarded during a pitch for a haircare brand.
10.00 Mock the Week. Radio 4 favourite Milton Jones and Irish comedian Ed Byrne join Dara O Briain, Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and Chris Addison for another round of the satirical news quiz. (R)
10.30 Hilary Devey's Women at the Top. Conclusion. The entrepreneur explores ways to help women prosper in the workplace, and assesses the effectiveness of policies instituted by some of Britain's biggest companies. (R)
11.30 Athletics.
12.10 BBC News. **4.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** The X Factor. (R) **1.35** Murr. She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbus: A Bird in the Hand. (1992) **4.25** Doc Martin. (R) **5.25** The Talent Show Story. (R)
6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.45 ITV News: Weather.
7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Dan Lobb, Jodie Prenger, Chris Packham and Jennie McAlpine try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts.
8.00 The X Factor. Judges Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Tulisa and Louis Walsh continue their search for a new singing sensation by putting more hopefuls through their paces.
9.00 Downland Abbey. New series. Cora's mother Martha (Shirley MacLaine) arrives at Downland for Matthew and Mary's wedding – but the couple are struggling to stay united ahead of their big day.
10.30 ITV News: Weather.
10.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Roger Moore. The actor recalls the highs and lows of his acting career and personal life, lifts the lid on his four marriages and tells the story of his upbringing in south London. (R)
11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.45** The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.45** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.40** Motorsport UK. **4.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ironman 2012. **7.05** Strathelyde Park Triathlon. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.25** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Film: The Spy Next Door. (2010) **3.45** Deal or No Deal. **4.45** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.20** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland.
6.20 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. A nervous Emma Carr hosts her first-ever dinner party, with a caricaturist helping to show her guests' true colours.
6.50 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. Martin Butler hosts the final dinner party in Dublin. Last in the series.
7.20 Channel 4 News.
7.50 4Thought.tv. A Buddhist nun explains how art helped her find peace.
7.55 The Political Slot. With Green Party of England and Wales leader Natalie Bennett.
8.00 Fatal Flight 447: Chaos in the Cockpit. The facts behind the crash of the Air France flight in June 2009.
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 80s. New series. Jimmy Carr grills celebrities on decades gone by, beginning with the 1980s. Jonathan Ross, Jason Manford, Micky Flanagan and Stephen Mangan answer the questions.
10.35 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Pink and Gok Wan. (R)
11.40 Shameless. (R)
12.45 American Football Live. **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.40** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerets. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Rookbar and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25** Film: Capricorn One. (1977) **2.45** Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) **5.05** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. (1971)
7.10 5 News Weekend.
7.15 Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion. (2003) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Lee Evans and Claire Foran.
9.00 Film: Swordfish. (2001) A computer hacker is recruited by a former anti-terrorist agent to embezzle millions from the US government. Thriller, with John Travolta, Hugh Jackman.
11.00 Film: Desperado. (1995) Action thriller, starring Antonio Banderas.
1.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Be Your Own Boss **8.00** Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Bad Education **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **7.30** The Story of Light Entertainment **9.00** The Pharaoh Who Conquered the Sea **10.00** Film: Loose Cannons (2010) **11.45** British Passions on Film
ITV2
3.00 Film: Dennis (1993) **4.50** The X Factor **5.55** The X Factor **6.55** Film: Dante's Peak (1997) **9.00** The X Factor **10.00** Film: Hot Fuzz (2007)
ITV3
5.05 Film: On the Buses (1971) **6.55** Lewis. A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. **9.00** Film: Rain Man (1988) **11.45** Cracker
ITV4
3.00 Live Cycling: Tour of Britain. Stage eight from Reigate to Guildford. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1985) **7.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **10.10** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968)
E4
3.50 New Girl **4.20** Suburgatory **4.50** Revenge **5.50** The Big Bang Theory **7.40** Film: Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** 2 Broke Girls **11.35** New Girl
Film4
3.20 Von Ryan's Express (1965) **5.35** Dr Dolittle (1998) **7.15** Stormbreaker (2006) **9.00** Clear and Present Danger (1994) Action thriller, with Harrison Ford. **11.45** Good Luck Chuck (2007)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Out of Time, Channel 5, 10pm

The chief of police in a small Florida town is having an affair with a married woman who is dying of cancer. When his lover and her abusive husband are both murdered, he becomes the prime suspect in the case – and his ex-wife is appointed as the investigating officer. Crime thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes, Dean Cain and Sanaa Lathan. (2003)

TUESDAY

Trust the Man, BBC1, 11.45pm

Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobey and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny, Julianne Moore, Billy Crudup and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

Full Metal Jacket, ITV1, 10.35pm

Raw Marine recruits undergo gruelling basic training for the Vietnam War under the command of a domineering drill sergeant whose methods lead to the breakdown of one of his cadets. Eventually, some of the fully trained soldiers get their first taste of combat in 1968. Stanley Kubrick's drama, starring Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio and R Lee Ermy. (1987)



Casino Royale, Friday, ITV1, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Taken in Broad Daylight, BBC1, 11.35pm

Fact-based thriller about a teenage girl who is kidnapped and held hostage for six days. However, far from cracking up during her traumatic experience, she keeps her wits about her, manipulating her captor and leaving subtle clues for the police to ensure rescue as the abductor moves her across state lines. Fact-based thriller, with Sara Canning, James Van Der Beek, LeVar Burton and Diana Reis. (2009)

FRIDAY

Casino Royale, ITV1, 10.35pm

James Bond achieves his '00' status and is dispatched on the trail of Le Chiffre, an international criminal financing terrorist organisations around the world. Bond's investigation leads to a casino in Montenegro, where he takes part in a high-stakes poker game in a bid to bankrupt Le Chiffre and put an end to his plans. Spy thriller, directed by Martin Campbell and starring Daniel Craig in his first outing as 007, with Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen, Judi Dench and Giancarlo Giannini. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Family matters are set to complicate events

The First World War is over, Sybil is pregnant with her first child and Mary is about to marry Matthew.

So, as we enter 1920, everything is well in the Crawley family's world, right?

Well, not exactly – after all, this is a TV drama, so misery, scandal, backbiting, chaos and tragedy can only be just around the corner. Certainly life at Downton Abbey may never be the same again – Bates remains in jail after being wrongly convicted of his wife's murder, and butler Carson is struggling to find the 'right' kind of person to join the staff; it seems that the war has changed everything and people are no longer happy to spend their lives waiting hand and foot on wealthy aristocrats, not when they may have a chance to make something of themselves.

Of course the biggest news from this third series is that Oscar-winning Hollywood megastar Shirley MacLaine is joining the cast as Cora's redoubtable mother, Martha Levinson, who makes the journey across the

Atlantic for the big Crawley wedding.

"In those days the American women who had money were looking for titles, and the titled men were looking for American money," explains MacLaine. "So Martha fits the bill of the American matriarch who lands across the pond with money. And they expect her to finance whatever's wrong with Downton Abbey."

The actress, whose previous projects include such massive cinematic hits as Sweet Charity, Terms of Endearment, The Apartment and Steel Dawn, will only be appearing in a handful of episodes, but is sure that her character will live long in the memory.

"She is extremely outspoken. Martha's basic role in these episodes is to plead with the Dowager Countess to wrest herself, if possible, away from tradition, because that's what caused the war in the first place, and to become more flexible in relating to change."

What viewers are looking forward to is seeing MacLaine and Maggie Smith (who plays the Dowager Countess), lock horns on screen – after all, they

are two of the acting game's most formidable, experienced and talented women.

But MacLaine lets us down slightly by claiming there won't be fireworks between them: "The gunfight at the OK Corral does not happen between Maggie and me. We do a little sparring, we have our moments, but it's more sophisticated than that. Martha is not just a crass, cranky American coming in there to call a spade a spade. She's very smart and to a large extent sensitive as to what's going on with all her daughter's children."

"And Maggie's character is so well established, but you have to look beyond what is her expected reaction to Martha. The Dowager Countess is a human being who has complications and a past of some pain that Martha understands – and to some extent addresses herself to."

MacLaine does, however, admit that she had a grand old time, and especially enjoyed filming at Highclere Castle, which doubles as Downton.

She's also sure we're going to enjoy watching her character in action – and, frankly, we can't wait to see her.



Shirley MacLaine stars in Downton Abbey, Sunday, ITV1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs ITV1, 8pm

Like Animal Hospital before it, this show tugs on the heartstrings with more skill than a seasoned cellist, but it's Paul O'Grady's quick wit and no-nonsense approach that makes it more than an attempt to grab ratings. Once more POG is working with the canines at the world famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, and has his hands full when a behaviourist enlists him to work with a Rottweiler-bull mastiff cross with a fear of men. (Maybe Paul should adopt the guise of former alias Lily Savage). Plus, clinic workers attempt to find a home for two dogs that have developed a close friendship, and the centre receives a visit from model and centre ambassador David Gandy.

TUESDAY

Derren Brown: Svengali Channel 4, 9pm

He's back. Channel 4's favourite illusionist who has spent the past decade fronting shows such as Miracles for Sale, Derren Brown: Mind Control, and Messiah. A few months ago DB took his award-winning show to Nottingham's Theatre Royal, where he attempted to extract secret confessions from the audience, played unforgettable mind games and revealed the wonder of Svengali – an automaton allegedly created in the image of its owner's dead son. Was it used in early Victorian magic shows, or is it another of Brown's eerie games? Tune in to this unnerving gig and make up your own mind.

The Rob Brydon Show BBC2, 10pm

It may have been in the pipeline for five years but a film version of classic cops and robbers saga The Sweeney has finally made it onto the big screen after a few false starts. Star Ray Winstone is doing his best to ensure everybody knows about it, so, aside from plugging the movie, he attempts to teach Rob how to act tough. Also this week, Brian Cox will be discussing his efforts to make science accessible for everyone. And as this series often seems like just an excuse for Rob Brydon to have a singalong with some of his celebrity mates, he'll no doubt jump at the chance to share the musical spotlight with Stereophonics singer Kelly Jones.

WEDNESDAY

Mrs Biggs ITV1, 9pm

Plenty of people wrote off this drama before it even began – after all, the story of The Great Train Robbery had already been told many times, what more could be said? As it turns out, plenty. The tale of Charmian Biggs, wife of the notorious Ronnie, has been enthralling so far, and it takes more twists and turns here. After having an affair and an abortion, Charmian helps plan Ronnie's escape and the family relocate to Australia. She falls pregnant again with their third son, and life seems to be getting back on track – until events back home suggest the police

haven't given up hope of finding the Biggs' just yet. Sheridan Smith and Danny Mays star.

Dallas Channel 5, 9pm

Hurray! JR's arch enemy Cliff Barnes is back for the first time in more than 15 years, and it's just like old times. After the smirking old baron calmly scuppers John Ross's plan to double-cross him, JR decides to move back to Southfork. However, the Ewings are faced with more problems when Cliff resurfaces and tries to reconnect with his nephew Christopher. Elsewhere, Tommy has intriguing news for Rebecca.

THURSDAY Good Cop BBC1, 9pm

Few actors who've left the bright lights of Chester's Hollyoaks behind in search of a good, meaty role in telly have actually found it. But

clearly with Warren Brown we're dealing with a whole different kettle of fish – and he's settled into the role of PC Paul Rocksavage rather nicely. But like all good things, this series must come to an end. In the final instalment, Sav seems to be having a bit of trouble with not

letting his emotions get in the way of his work; in fact, his quest to get Jonjo arrested for Andy's murder draws suspicion from Costello and Sarge. But it's only when a set-up with Amanda goes very wrong, that the cop decides to do things his way...

FRIDAY Parade's End BBC2, 9pm

Given Benedict Cumberbatch's piping hot status, it was a curious decision by the BBC to take a drama adapted by internationally acclaimed writer Tom Stoppard and then put it on BBC2 on a Friday night. If ever a show had a prime-time Sunday night slot stamped all over it, it was this one. Now the final part of the tale based on Ford Madox Ford's quartet of novels sees Christopher sent to the front line of the First World War with McKennie and Perowne, while Valentine waits for news from him. And Sylvia makes a final desperate bid to win back his love.

Being Liverpool Channel 5, 9pm

It's been a difficult summer for Liverpool. Kop favourite Kenny Dalglish left the club for a second time, and Brendan Rogers was poached from Swansea City. Sadly the first few games of the new season haven't exactly gone to plan – with some fans pinpointing the club's inability to sign a new striker at the heart of the team's problems. So, with turmoil on and off the pitch, this new, six-part series should prove fascinating. Filming began just days after Liverpool's defeat to Chelsea in the FA Cup final, and cameras have been allowed full access to all aspects of the club and players.

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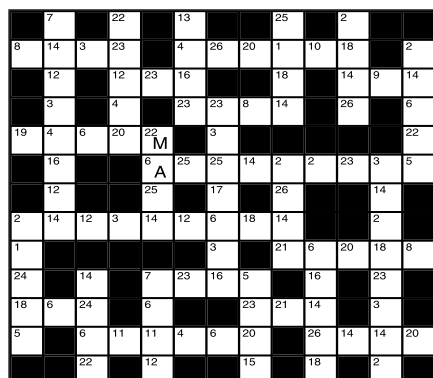
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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	O	B	S	N	V	G	P	U	F	10	Q	Y	D	Z
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

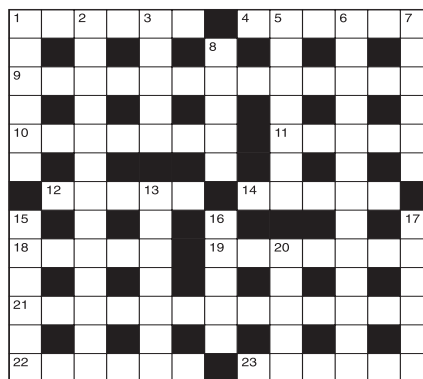
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. I put in a call for ventilation (6)
4. It's always one thing or the other (6)
9. The bird song that wakes you at dawn? (7,6)
10. The height of a severe storm (7)
11. Flier has a sash in the Royal Navy (5)
12. You're going places if they're in the right direction (5)
14. It may be trodden on in flight (5)
18. Inferior ox, for example (5)
19. Citizen under discussion (7)
21. It helps to drive one round the bend (8,5)
22. Passes on the messages about the races? (6)
23. A guess about customs (6)

Down

1. An abnormal appetite, no argument about that (6)
2. In turn it benefits the lucky gambler (8,5)
3. I've an arrangement that's simple (5)
5. Get what is left (7)
6. Though yellow at heart, it won't run (4-6,3)
7. Mounting a revolt, perhaps (6)
8. An entrance of ornamental stone (5)
13. Show a beam that is left (7)
15. A cloister will be more confined without it (6)
16. Employing some various ingredients (5)
17. Illicit photographs? (6)
20. They are certainly biased but game (5)



Quick Clues:

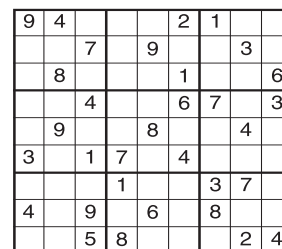
Across

1. Condition (6)
4. Over-indulge (6)
9. Remonstrance (13)
10. Anguish (7)
11. Abide (5)
12. Suppress (5)
14. Not suitable (5)
18. Of a town (5)
19. Lean (7)
21. Theme (7-6)
22. Happenings (6)
23. Astral (6)

Down

1. Abundance (6)
2. Calm (13)
3. Hurry (5)
5. Forsake (7)
6. Premier (5,8)
7. Fester (6)
8. Out of practice (5)
13. Merciful (7)
15. Chase (6)
16. Hackneyed (5)
17. Cordial (6)
20. Sea-map (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

1	3	5	1	8	9	6	7	2
9	4	6	1	2	7	3	5	8
2	8	7	5	6	3	1	9	4
4	1	9	8	3	5	7	2	6
3	6	8	7	9	2	4	1	5
7	5	2	6	1	4	9	8	3
8	2	4	9	7	6	3	1	5
5	7	3	2	4	1	8	6	9
6	9	1	3	5	8	2	4	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Happy landing; 7 Reset; 8 Nurse; 9 Gig; 10 Calendars; 11 Relief; 12 Eclair; 15 Eye-opener; 17 Ash; 18 Extra; 19 Idled; 21 Broken hearts. Down: Head gardener; 2 Yes; 3 Attila; 4 Dining-car; 5 Norma; 6 Leisure hours; 7 Regal; 10 Cheesecake; 13 Award; 14 Ensign; 16 Enter; 20 Lee. QUICK - Across: 1 Illumination; 7 Foyer; 8 Steer; 9 Fee; 10 Shakespear; 11 Exhume; 12 Porter; 15 Animosity; 17 Asp; 18 Litho; 19 Level; 21 Protestation. Down: 1 Insufferable; 2 May; 3 Normal; 4 Testimony; 5 Obese; 6 Prescription; 7 Fresh; 10 Somnolent; 13 Trail; 14 Titles; 16 Inter; 20 Via. LAST WEEK'S CIRCLED SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Coventry, Lincoln, Carlisle, all English cities.

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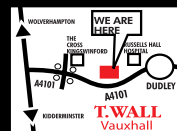
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Samurai girls win hat-trick of medals

THERE was a hat-trick of medals for Samurai girls at the Heart of England Open Championships.

Becky Hobby started the ball rolling with bronze in the under-57 kilos group.

She won her first contest in style but then lost to the eventual gold medalist.

She won both repechage events to take bronze.

Bryony Griffiths in the under-48 kilos, won her first two contests to reach the semi where she lost out but eventually managed to claim a bronze medal.

Frankie Marston took bronze in the under-52 kilos category.

With two Italians and a good Swedish player in her category, this was one of the strongest of the female weight groups so a bronze was still a good result.

Laura Dangerfield had a good go in the seniors but lost to a very good Australian and a British international to end her chances of a medal.

Brendan Crummy and Nathan Gallacher both had good wins but not enough to get them into the medals.

Stourport settle for fourth spot

STOURPORT suffered a disappointing end to a frustrating season with defeat for both teams as they tried to push for third places. Each had to settle for fourth in Worcestershire County League Division Two and Division Two seconds respectively.

Stourport 195-9, Rushwick 197-1.

Rushwick won by nine wickets
The firsts won the toss against Rushwick and elected to bat but lost wickets at regular intervals leaving Andrew Sivicki to play a restrained innings of 73. Stourport finished on 195-9 from their 50 overs.

Rushwick skipper Chris Pearman guided his team to victory in the 40th over with a superb 101 not out.

Stourport 140, Pershore 144-2.

Pershore won by eight wickets
Openers Spencer Colley (33) and Phil Williams (42) got Stourport off to a good start. But they lost quick wickets to be dismissed for 140. Pershore knocked off the runs in 33 overs.



Cookley firsts celebrate. Back, from left, Mark Bennett, Simon Cook, Paul Harris, Ryan Parker, Alex Ray and Will Morgan. Front: Paul Thomas, Adam Nicholls, captain Gary Mills, Mitch Taylor and Alex Roden

Teams in twin success

COOKLEY'S fine season ended in emphatic style with both sides gaining promotion and the firsts securing the Worcestershire County League Division Three championship.

Chairman Phil Dixon praised both skippers and said it was probably Cookley's best season since winning the National Village Knockout at Lord's 35 years ago.

"We'll be inviting the legends of 1977 to the awards night on November 24 at the club," he said.

Kidderminster Victoria (1pt) 148-4,

Cookley (24pts) 149-3. Cookley won by seven wickets

Tight bowling contained Kidderminster despite Paul Mitchell's stylish 61. The villagers comfortably won the game with Mark Bennett making 55 not out to steer them home. The title is the firsts' maiden championship of the 21st Century.

Cookley Cricket Club

Next season they will be back up to the league's Division Two.

Netherton (2pts) 131, Cookley (24pts) 134-6. Cookley won by four wickets

The seconds obtained the points required to seal promotion from Division Two with a closely-fought victory. Netherton made 131 but dogged batting by Matty Goode (29) and veteran Stuey Nicholls (29 not out) saw the villagers to their target, securing back-to-back promotions.

The seconds will play Division One second XI cricket for the first time in the club's history. Skipper Simon Anderson said: "Our aim was simply to stay up after last season's title, so it's a wonderful surprise."

Century stand is in vain as rivals close in on title

Kidderminster Victoria (6pts) 244-7, Walsall (20pts) 247-6. Walsall won by four wickets

THIS marvellous game of cricket almost certainly gave Walsall their 22nd Birmingham League Premier title.

They require just two more points from the final game of the season, which is at home, *writes Brian Gittins.*

Having won the toss, Walsall invited KVCC to bat. Only two batsmen, Neil Pinner (81) and Matt Pardoe (80) really mastered the visitors' bowling attack.

They had a stand of 160 for the second wicket. The third top score came from extras with 21 runs.

Zac Turley scored 18, Richard Kimberlin 15, Jonathan Wright 14 and Connor Smith 10. The other scores were five and two noughts.

The first wicket fell with only eight runs in the book, but Pinner joined county colleague Pardoe and some good batting followed.

Hundred

They progressed slowly, the first 50 runs not coming until the 19th over due to steady bowling by Josh Bowker and Tom Freeman whose 16-over opening spell featured eight maidens.

The hundred came up in the 27th over and they reached the century partnership inside 22 overs.

Both batsmen looked set for a century, but in the 39th over Pinner was caught behind by James Middleton off Paul Byrne for 81, taking him past 500 runs for the season. The score was 168-2.

A third wicket fell with the addition of just one run. Pardoe, batting well on 80,

Kidderminster Victoria CC

was the fourth man out with the score on 200, bowled by David Powles.

The innings closed on 244-7, Byrne taking 3-71 and Powles 3-69. Freeman had 1-20 off nine overs.

Walsall's innings got off to an excellent start with a partnership of 103 for the first wicket. The first man out was Middleton (58), caught by Henry Wright off Pinner. Then, on 111, his opening partner Simon Harding (45) was bowled by Mark Mansell.

Wickets fell at 121, 171, both off Pinner. Pardoe took a wicket in his first over, and also had a second leg before decision when he dismissed Bowker for 31.

Walsall were 238-6 in the 53rd over, needing only seven. They got the runs in the 54th over. Pinner took 3-63, Pardoe 2-23 and Mansell 1-48.

On Saturday KVCC travel to Leamington for their final match (noon).

Martial art takes a bow at club event



Club instructors, from left, Paul Wilkes, Michael Smith, Roger Douras and Christopher Powell, prepare for the launch of aikido in Kidderminster

AIKIDO, the Japanese martial art taken from ancient weapons, is to make its debut in Kidderminster this weekend.

Instructors will be on hand from 11am to 3pm on Saturday at the Samurai Judo Club in Zortech Avenue.

Visitors will be able to watch demonstrations of aikido and the use of weapons. There will also be an opportunity to take part in basic practice sessions.

Aikido's origins can be traced back to the 12th Century, but the modern sport was created in the 1920s by Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969).

One interpretation of the name is "The Way of Harmony of Spirit". It is based on spherical movements by which an attacker's aggressive force is turned

against itself. The main aikido techniques are joint immobilisations and throws using the opponent's momentum.

Although it takes time to become proficient, instructors say the training is enjoyable, challenging and rewarding. All the instructors are qualified senior coaches and fully insured teachers for all levels, registered with the British Aikido Board, CRB-checked and first aid accredited.

Kidderminster Aikido Club is a member of the UKA which was formed in 1983 and is affiliated to Hombu Aikido World Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan.

Instructors are Michael Smith, Roger Douras, Paul Wilkes and Chris Powell.

For more information, call Douras on 07919 247412.

Season is under way with wins

NEW women's football club Wyre Forest Phoenix launched their season.

Halas Hawks U12 5

Wyre Forest Phoenix U12 0

Stand-in keeper Jasmine Cartwright

exceeded, Phoenix fought hard, hitting the woodwork in the second half, but were beaten 5-0.

Wyre Forest Phoenix U13 4

Pershore U13 0

Chloe Whyte's brace of first-half goals put the under-13s on the way to victory at Mill Lane.

Georgia Akers' cross found the net for the third and her shot across the keeper brought the fourth.

Welland U16 0

Wyre Forest Phoenix U16 4

Ellidh Shakespeare struck three times as the under-16s took a good victory. A confident Baylis provided the fourth.

Leominster 2

Wyre Forest Phoenix 7

Phoenix won their first league match after being a goal down. Kirsty Jones got four goals, Chelsea Mudge two, and Kirsty Roberts got one.

District results, fixtures

Kidderminster & District

Saturday results

Premier: Arey Kings 0 Netherton 4; Dudley Villa 4 Lodgefield Park 2; Dudley Wood Ath 2 Birch Coppice 1; Kings Heath Old Boys 3 Wyre Forest 2; Two Gates 1 Fairfield Villa 0.

Sunday results

Premier: Aveyley Soc 0 Haden Rgrs 6; Bromley 2 Franche VC 2; Grange Ath 3 Wordsley 0; Harriers Trust 6 Orton Vale 0; Kingswinford 17 Oakham Utd 1; Phoenix Sports 2 Woodside Utd 1; Wolverley Ath 0 Horned 2.

Division 1: Bull And Bladder 1 Stourbridge Rgrs 12; Caves 1 Chainwire 4; Gornal Fiddle 6 Stour Park Rgrs 3; Ocean Designs 2 Enville Ath 1; Station 3 Dudley Sports 0; TS Units 1 Taverners 2; Wilden Village 3 Sporting Hagley 3.

Division 2: Chaddeley Corbett 2 White Horse Celtic 1; Giggill 4 Kewford Eagles 2; Maypole Rgrs 1 Arey Kings 1; New Inn Sports 4 Waggon & Horses 1; Olympic Sp 3 Stourbridge Ath 1; Wall Heath 4 Darby End Ath 2.

Division 3: Arley 9 Blue Brick 1; Cook & Magpie 4 Bewdley Arches 0; Lakeside Utd 3 Wordsley Lions 1; Netherton Colts Sen 1 Plough Dukes 3; Rock Sports 3 Sporting Club 2; Royal Oak Celtic 4 Labour In Vain 0; Stour Glassboys West 2 Pockets 11.

Division 4: Abbertley Vale 1 Ferndale 2; Bewdley Olympic 4 Arey Kings Res 1; Brit Wollaston 2 Preston 2010 1; Clarke 0 Wilden Village Res 4; Mostyn Rgrs 5 Queens Head 2; Netherton 1 Tap House 1; Snooks Ath 2 Wolverley Social 4; Vizi Bar 4 Wollaston Lions 2.

Division 5: Barley Mow Wdrs 6 Royal Exchange Res 1; Halesowen 5 Mostyn Rgrs Res 2; Hamilton Rgrs 2 Star 07 4; Harriers Arms 3 Lye 5; Hillgrove 0 Forest Rgrs 6; King Billy 3 Yew Tree 4; Meadow Lark 3 Norton J 3; Withymoor West 1 Marpool Olympic 2.

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Division 2: Arey Kings v Olympic Sports; Darby End Athletic v Waggon And Horses; Kewford Eagles v Chaddeley Corbett; Stourbridge Athletic v Giggill; Wall Heath v Maypole Rgrs; White Horse Celtic v Royal Exchange.

Division 3: Arley v Stour Glassboys West; Bewdley Arches v Blue Brick; Labour In Vain v Rock Sp; Lakeside Utd v Cook & Magpie; Plough Dukes v Royal Oak Celtic; Sporting Club v Netherton Colts Sen; Wordsley Lions v Pockets.

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Division 5: Forest Rgrs v Halesowen; Hamilton Rgrs v Hillgrove; Marpool Olympic v King Billy; Mostyn Rgrs Res v Barley Mow Wdrs; Norton J v Harriers Arms; Royal Exchange Res v Withymoor West; Star 07 v Lye; Yew Tree v Meadow Lark.

Fifths looking Rosie for win

STOURPORT women's hockey seconds lost their friendly at Solihull-Blossomfield 5-1 with Teresa Moss their scorer.

The thirds also lost, 4-1 in a friendly at Badley, with Leanne Styzaker on the mark. But the fifths took a 7-1 victory in their warm-up game at Droitwich.

Rosie Connolly bagged four goals, Louise Wall a double and Charlotte Lake also notched.

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First bow
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Harriers will rise assures Peniket

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers loanee Richard Peniket today backed his temporary club to climb the Blue Square Premier table in the weeks ahead.

Fulham forward Peniket made his home debut in Saturday's 2-2 draw with Southport and was "gutted" to only take a third straight draw. Anthony Malbon's 88th-minute equaliser rescued a point for rock-bottom Harriers, who trailed to Karl Ledsham's stunner and Tony Gray's penalty.

Kyle Storer had put the home side ahead with Peniket toiling away up front but a win still eludes them going into Saturday's visit of Grimsby.

However, the 19-year-old is expecting the club's outlook to be a lot brighter by the time he is due back with Fulham in January.

He said: "We are unbeaten in three now and it's looking better. I still think the side can go on to get a few wins."

"It's just a case of getting that first win out of the way and getting some results from there."

"This side is definitely not a bottom-of-the-table side, we have just got to keep plugging away and those results will come if we believe."

"In the dressing room on Saturday, we were gutted with a draw because everyone wants to win."

Harriers led 1-0 at half-time through Storer before the visitors hit back to go in front.

But an 88th-minute equaliser by substitute Malbon earned Kidderminster their point after opening their grim campaign with five successive defeats.

Double triumph for ex-captain

FORMER Kidderminster Golf Club captain Alan Stanyer won the Worcestershire Past Captains Silver Salver.

He also played for the jubilant winning team that triumphed in the Four Counties cup played at Thetford Golf Club in Norfolk.

Men's results. Invitation: 1 Brian Initt and Derek Mace 46pts, 2 Martin Lipitt and Gavin Smith 45, 3 Phil Bourne and Paul Smith 44, 4 David Taylor and Gary Smith 43, 5 Tony Tench and Paul O'Reilly 43.

Ladies results. Senior Vets Cup: 1 Judy Taylor 31pts, 2 Sue Randle 29, Stableford, Division One: 1 Shirley Caswell 32pts, 2 Judy Taylor 31, Division Two: 1 Hilda Gregory 33pts, 2 Sue Randle 29, Nine-hole Stableford: Karen Greenfield 17pts, Vets Salver: 1 Karen Greenfield, 2 Shirley Caswell.

Carolians show promise despite defeat

Earlsdon 29 Kidderminster Carolians 22

KIDDERMINSTER opened their Midlands Two West (South) campaign with a defeat on the road.

But they showed promise for the season and gained two points in the loss.

KCs had the home side defending from the start. After 10 minutes, Layton Wilkinson drove the ball over for a try after a good lineout, close to the Earlsdon line.

KCs continued to press the home side into their own half but could not convert the pressure into points.

It was 19 minutes into the game before Earlsdon got into KCs' 22 and a missed

tackle four minutes later allowed the home side to break through and score a try under the posts to take a 7-5 lead.

Despite some tremendous tackling by KCs on their try-line, Earlsdon moved the ball wide for a second try to take the score to 12-5.

KCs came back and Wilkinson, Rob Phillips and Arthur Chiverton all made strong runs. But, from a penalty awarded to Earlsdon in the last minute of the half, their fly-half kicked deep into KCs' 22 and from

the lineout the home side drove the ball over for an unconverted try.

Neither side could take control in the 15 minutes after the break. But, three minutes after that, an Earlsdon centre made a tremendous break and, despite a great tackle by Nick Martin, was able to offload to a support player who scored Earlsdon's fourth try.

Phillips, on his first XV debut, scored a try after 61 minutes to narrow the gap to 22-10. He scored again four minutes later, con-

verted by Chris Pinner. However, Phillips was injured in the act of scoring and had to be substituted.

This try spurred Earlsdon into action and their full-back entered the line at pace to score under the posts for a converted try.

Kidderminster had the last word when they went straight back at Earlsdon from the kick-off.

Captain Stu Such forced his way over four minutes from time to collect the bonus point for scoring four tries.

On Saturday, Kidderminster host Newbold on Avon at Marpool Lane.

Dismal end of season for firsts

Bewdley (2pts) 161, Worcester Dominies (20pts) 165-3. Worcester won by seven wickets

BEWDLEY'S season ended with a dismal defeat at Lower Park as Worcester Dominies secured promotion, writes David Mills.

Asked to bat, Bewdley's innings traced a familiar path in this Worcestershire County League Division Two match. Apart from Martyn Carr (45) and Ben Jones (29) none of the batsmen was able to make a significant contribution.

Bewdley's total was badly sub-standard, and Dominies had no difficulty in chasing it down, winning at a canter with 16 overs to spare.

Oldswinford (5pts) 194-5, Bewdley (20pts) 197-8. Bewdley won by two wickets

Bewdley seconds ended their 2012 campaign on a high note with a narrow win over Oldswinford in seconds' Division One.

Bewdley found wickets hard to come by, having asked Oldswinford to bat first. But tight bowling from Scott Fowler (2-24) ensured the run rate was kept in check.

Oldswinford could never build up any momentum on a pitch that suited slow bowling. Grant Morris (3-57) also chipped in with wickets as Oldswinford closed on 194-5.

Luke Groves and Andy Halkon (47) got the reply off to a positive start and Bewdley initially looked untroubled as they chased down the target.

Lloyd Oldnall (37) played well on his final innings for the club and Bewdley survived a late wobble.

MEDAL HAUL IS BEST YET FOR CASHMORE

KIDDERMINSTER swimmer Claire Cashmore enjoyed her best ever Paralympics with three medals.

Cashmore took two bronzes in the 2004 games and added a third four years later.

But at London she won three medals - two silvers and another bronze. And she was desperately close to standing on the top step of the rostrum.

Great Britain's T34 4x100m medley relay squad took silver but were pipped to gold by Australia, who edged them out by just three-hundredths of a second.

Cashmore's strong second leg brought Britain back into contention and they ended up with silver in a blanket finish.

There was also a bronze for Cashmore in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

But her finest hour on the individual front came when she took silver in the SB8 100m breaststroke event.

And she went desperately close to a medal in the S9 200m medley, finishing fourth.

Record

Cashmore had qualified as the fastest from the 100m breaststroke heats but had to settle for silver as Russia's Olesya Vladyslava took gold in a record one minute 17.17 seconds.

A delighted and disappointed Cashmore was three seconds behind.

"Olesya was absolutely incredible out there, she is a fantastic athlete and hopefully one day I can beat her," said Cashmore.

"I felt really confident going in. I have done such hard training this year and it didn't quite pay off how I expected. To come out with a silver is better than I did in

Paralympics

Beijing and Athens and I have got to really be happy with that.

"But I am one of these people that beats myself up about never quite being satisfied and I think I have to be satisfied with that."

"I personally don't think I swam to my full potential but that is probably me being rather hard on myself, I just thought I had a bit more in there."

The fourth-placed finish, on the other hand, was the stuff of nightmares.

"Fourth - it is the worst place," she said. "It is the position that I came in Beijing and I didn't want to replay that moment again and unfortunately I did."

"I just really wanted to get my bronze medal from Athens 2004 in the medley back and it wasn't to be."

"I thought I had a lot more to give but it just wasn't there and now I feel frustrated. I feel like if I did something a little bit quicker then that could have been the difference between bronze and fourth, but that is sport for you."

"I am happy with that silver, it just took a night to think about it and think actually that it is a silver at a Paralympic Games and that is pretty impressive."



Heather Frederiksen clings onto team-mate Claire Cashmore as they watch the conclusion of the 4x100m women's medley race



From left, Louise Watkin, Steph Millward, Claire Cashmore and Heather Frederiksen celebrate with their medley relay silvers



Claire Cashmore dives into action in the freestyle relay

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